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State Awards \$1,362,361 in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (August 17, 2006) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$1,362,361 in Training Acceleration Grants (TAG) to 18 Indiana companies and consortia.

With a Training Acceleration Grant, employers can advance the skills of their existing workforce in various educational and training methods. The program established by the Indiana General assembly is the primary workforce training program in the state.

“As Indiana’s economic comeback continues, it is becoming more and more important that our workforce have the necessary skills for the jobs that are being created and in existence,” said commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development Ron Stiver. “The training acceleration grant program provides Indiana employers with the opportunity to enhance their workforce and grow the Hoosier economy.”

“Training Acceleration Grants give employers the funding to increase the skills of Indiana’s workforce, which is an important asset that Indiana can use to leverage the state as a competitive place to do business. Indiana’s skilled workforce is vital to attracting new investment to our state,” said Michael S. Maurer, Secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier Workforce.

In recent months, the state has aggressively marketed the program to expand the number of grants awarded to the state’s small business community. In this month’s round of grants, eight grants have been awarded to companies of fewer than 100 employees.

The following were awarded grants:

Employer	City	County	Region	Employment	Trainees	Award	Outcomes
Aisin Drivetrain	Crothersville	Jackson	9	275	92	\$199,317	CDC's; Apprenticeships; Journeyman Level Upgrades
Grant Co. Economic Growth Council	Marion	Grant	3	498	15	\$129,500	Various Nursing Credentials
Hatzell Fan Inc	Portland	Jay	6	35	32	\$107,400	Customized Cert. of Applied Learning
Haynes International	Kokomo	Howard	4	843	220	\$120,985	Journeyman upgrades; apprenticeships; IVO Train The Trainer
INTAT Precision	Rushville	Rush	6	500	3	\$231,485	Journeyman - Indus. Maint., Machine Repair & Elec.
Jeffboat LLC	Jeffersonville	Clark	10	897	280	\$192,220	ABS Certification
Lear Corporation	Greencastle	Putnam	7	1,026	47	\$68,061	Journey Upgrades; Apprenticeships; CDC's & Associate Degrees
M A Metals Co.	Edinburgh	Johnson	5	49	15	\$49,859	CDC's; Apprenticeships
M C Aluminum America	Columbus	Bartholomew	9	78	6	\$15,445	CDC's
Madison Precision Products Inc.	Madison	Jefferson	9	453	5	\$8,470	Six Sigma Cert.
Magic Coil Products	Butler	DeKalb	3	43	1	\$3,500	Microsoft Cert. Systems Admin.
Matthew-Warren Spring Division	Cass	Cass	4	201	2	\$5,715	Journeyman
Net Forge	Columbus	Bartholomew	9	56	56	\$129,600	Team Member, Practioner, Champion
Noble Industries	Noblesville	Hamilton	5	51	31	\$42,000	Steel Fab.; Welidng
Precision Products	Greenwood	Johnson	5	64	1	\$1,375	Mastercam Mill Cert. Achievement
Sonoco Flexible Packaging	Edinburgh	Johnson	5	166	7	\$22,513	Apprenticeshps
Source One Solutions	Fort Wayne	Allen	3	8	5	\$34,916	MCSE/CCNA/C CDA/ Ethical Hacker & LinusLPIC:7

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in February, 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.